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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following Amendment of the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 4 | Local, State and Transit Element <ul style="list-style-type: none">Adds, modifies and deletes projects in Tulare County. The projects include funding from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Transportation Enhancement Program (TEA), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ), Recreational Trails Program and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5309 Program. |

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP amendment for inclusion into California's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are shown for information only.

The updated programming is for project types that have been found by the TCAG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. This FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. These projects are included and submitted by TCAG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). Caltrans concerns, if any, are reflected in the "Caltrans comment" section of the FTIP Project Data Entry screen in CTIPS project by project.

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In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The TCAG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Muhaned Aljabiry of my staff, at (916) 654-3521.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross A. Chittenden", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ROSS A. CHITTENDEN

Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

c: Steven Barhite - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
George Finney - Tulare County Association of Governments
Ted Smalley - Tulare County Association of Governments
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